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Fire Safety Recall of Whirlpool Dehumidifiers

Whirlpool Corporation is recalling 1.4 million portable dehumidifiers that can overheat and possibly start a fire. Thirteen of these dehumidifiers have overheated and caused fires, and three caused major property damage. Luckily no injuries have been reported.

The recalled dehumidifiers were sold under the Whirlpool, Kenmore and ComfortAire brand names. The dehumidifiers are white plastic, about 2-feet high and have a front-mounted water bucket. They have serial numbers that begin with QG, QH, QJ, QK or QL. The serial number can be found on a label located on the wall behind the water bucket.

Department and appliance stores nationwide sold the dehumidifiers from February 1997 through December 2001 for between \$130 and \$260. **If your park has one of these dehumidifiers, stop using it and unplug it immediately.** You can contact Whirlpool to arrange for a free repair at (866) 640-7139 or visit their web site at <<http://www.repair.whirlpool.com>> for additional information.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission's news release concerning this recall can be viewed on the web at <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml02/02096.html>.